



The Senate

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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 3, 2020

Honorable Governor David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawaii
Executive Chambers
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Governor Ige:

The Senate's Special Committee on COVID-19 acknowledges the limits of your authority to restrict travel into the state of Hawaii. As that authority lies with the federal government, our Committee commends the actions of Mayors Kirk Caldwell, Derek Kawakami, and Michael Victorino in sending letters to the President of the United States requesting the suspension of all non-essential travel to Hawaii. President Trump publicly stated that he wants to honor the requests of our Mayors. However, the Governor must also make this request. The Committee, therefore, requests that you, as Governor, also join in this effort in asking for the suspension of non-essential travel.

Additionally, the Committee has concerns with the Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) moving forward this summer. With the uncertain future we face in the coming months the Committee requests that you suspend all RIMPAC activities.

The committee requests your response by **4:00 p.m., Monday, April 6, 2020.**

Please email your response to all Senate Special Committee COVID-19 members. Should you have any questions, please contact Dane Wicker at 586-6639 or via email at d.wicker@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
Senator Michelle N. Kidani

Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Senator Sharon Moriwaki
Senator Kurt Fevella

Cc. Senate President
All Senators